At the Center...

The Newsletter of the Lambda Community Center
919 20th Street, Sacramento

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ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES AT THE LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER

This summer brought changes for the Lambda Community Center. The Board of Directors, led by President Joe Lenihan, decided to discontinue the Executive Director position, and move towards a team-managed administration. Steve Schwichow, Executive Director, will leave the center when his contract expires at the end of August. Lenihan noted that, "Steve's contributions to the Center during its move to the new location, as well as his vision during numerous transitions has aided immeasurably to the Center's evolution. I, along with the Board of Directors and Lambda staff, will miss him greatly."

A Transitional Committee has been established to focus on and define the makeup of the Center's staff. A team-management approach is expected.

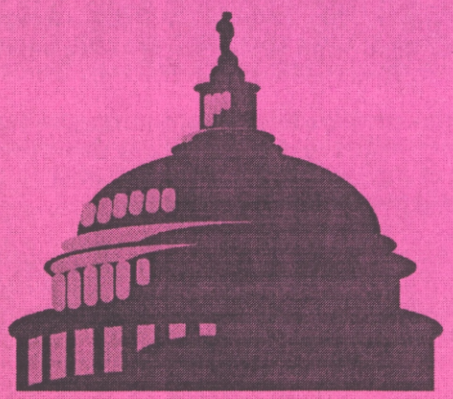
Taking over the daily operations will be J. Michael O'Donahue, the Center's Director of Operations, Outreach & Education. Lenihan expects to have the new structure in place within the next 4 months.

The Board will also be looking at developing new funding sources, increasing utilization of the Center's computer and data base systems. Community programs and outreach are also at the forefront of the Board's agenda.

"The Center's administrative structure has been modified to draw on the talents of existing staff, while addressing the increasing needs for the diverse community the Center serves," said Lenihan. "Our need for an expanded funding base and the economic potential of the Center's new location were considerations as we blueprint the Center's strategy into the 21st century," he stated.

OUT IS *DEFINITELY* IN!!

More than 10,000 people attended the 1996 Lambda Freedom Fair on the Capitol steps, raising an estimated $13,000 for the Lambda Community Center



A Message from the President

The Freedom fair has come and gone and the event far exceeded our expectations, with tremendous attendance and producing a profit of $13,000 for the Community Center. So many people worked on the Fair that it would be impossible to thank each one individually here. So thanks to everyone who helped out with the Fair and a great big thanks to the 1996 Fair Co-Chairs, Bill Whiting and Chris McKillop.

Next year's fair promises to be even better as plans are already under way. Norman Walker, Lambda Community Center Treasurer and Board Member, will chair the event. The various committees are being formed. If you are interested in becoming involved in the 1997 Freedom Fair, call the center and speak to the volunteer coordinator.

My hope and focus this year as Board President is to lead the Center in stabilizaiton and standardization. To that end, committees have been established for personnel, programs, image, fundraising, building and grounds,and grant writing. And what do these committees do, you might ask ?

The personnel committee, for example, has developed an updated Personnel Policy amd Procedures manual for the staff and volunteers of the Lambda Community Center which has been adopted by the Board of Directors. The Fundraising Committee has raised more than $16,000 by selling sections of the Founders Memorial Wall as well as sponsoring the Lambda Awards Evening (Lambda Presents). The committe has also organized the dedication of the Center Library to Jane Roundtree and currently working on BINGO !

Yes, it's true. Bingo is scheduled to begin at the Lambda Community Center Friday, September 20th at 6:00pm and will happen every two weeks after that. Watch the local publications for announcements. gay Bingo will provide a fun evening for the community as well as provide the Center with badly needed funds on a regular basis.

So you see these committees really do accomplish a great deal. Remember, everyone is a volunteer. My personal congratulations to the staff and Board members for the time and committment to all committee work in the support of the Lambda Community Center.

If you haven't yet visited our new Community Center, you are in for a pleasant surprise waiting for you at 919 20th Street. The new Center is bright, airy and welcoming. Good work is done there every day for a diversified cross section of our community and ALL ARE WELCOME. Come on down and visit the Center. I am anxious to hear your comments and suggestions.

Be sure to stop by the Lambda Community Center booth the at Rainbow Festival, sponsored by our friend Terry Siede and FACES, say hello, sign up for a committee or two, buy a condom keychain, or maybe even write a check!!!!

That's all for now!!
Joe Lenihan
President,
Lambda Community Fund Board of Directors

10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER

The LAMBDA Community Center has announced plans to celebrate their 10th Anniversary at a gala celebration scheduled for Saturday, September 28th, 1996, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The LAMBDA Community Center was established in 1986 to support the well-being of the gay, lesbian and bisexual community by providing essential human services and organizing and sponsoring community events such as the LAMBDA Freedom Fair. As well, the LAMBDA Community Center's additional goal is to increase public understanding and to support the civil rights of other minority groups. Currently, the Center also recognizes the needs of our transgender and questioning community.

An open invitation is made to all community members, friends and supporters. Scheduled celebration activities include a service auction, a grand prize drawing, a special wall dedication to long-time Center supporter Terry Siede, a Center information booth, 50/50 drawing, brief announcements by President of the Board of Directors Joe Lenihan, as well as a community selection process, by ballot, for a new Center logo/identity. In addition, food and drink will play a major role in the festivities.

"This 10th Anniversary Celebration is an opportunity for past and present volunteers, supporters, Board of Director members and staff to celebrate our community and its Center," Joe Lenihan, President of the Board of Directors said. "What an opportune time to offer their voice and support as we celebrate our growth and move forward to better serve the community."

GETTING THE AIDS/HIV INFORMATION YOU NEED CAN BE FUN & ENTERTAINING

4-Part AIDS Series Workshop

The LAMBDA Community Center announced it will hold a 4-Part AIDS Education Series at the Center every Monday and Wednesday, beginning Monday, September 9, 1996. Scheduled to be held in the Center's Library, it will run until December 1996.

Held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the four hour program, held in four separate parts, is designed to be an entertaining, non-threatening, non-judgmental series. As well, the sessions are designed to be sexy and provocative, while at the same time disseminating vital information our community needs.

For more information on the 4-Part Series, contact Community Programs Coordinator Marc Powell at (916) 442-0185.

LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER 10th ANNIVERSARY LOGO CONTEST

LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER LOGO CONTEST

Spanning the past ten years, the LAMBDA Community Center has not enjoyed a community identification by way of a standard Center logo. Several versions, some of which are currently used will be retired. The Board of Directors, staff and volunteers of the Center are also announcing a LAMBDA Community Center Logo Contest.

"As the Center blueprints its strategy into the 21st Century, we believe the community we serve should play the major role in the decision-making process," according to Joe Lenihan. For one week prior to the 10th Anniversary Celebration, entries will be displayed at the Center, located at 919 20th Street. Community members are urged and invited to view and by ballot, select what they feel is an appropriate logo for the Center. Final voting will take place during the actual event itself, with an announcement at evening's end, approximately 10:00 p.m.

Rules for the contest are:

- Open to all members of the community and local businesses
- All entries must be received no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 13, 1996
- Original works only
- Submissions must be in good taste
- Black & White and Color submissions will be accepted
- Camera ready art if possible
- Computer generated or hand drawn/painted submissions

Rules for Voting are:

- One vote per community member
- No proxy votes allowed
- Voting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 23, 1996
- Voting will conclude at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, 1996 at which time the winning entry will be announced

An entry form complete with rules and regulations may be picked up at the LAMBDA Community Center between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

No compensation is given and all rights to the winning entry will be held by the Lambda Community Center. Members of the Board of Directors and Staff of the Center are ineligible to participate in the contest.

A committee is currently being formed to review all entries prior to public viewing in the event that works are (1) not in good taste, (2) inappropriate and (3) not suitable for public viewing.

Want to get Involved ? Volunteer to be on a committee. Call the Lambda Center for more info - 442-0185

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

LCC VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Lambda Center is proud to announce its new Volunteer of the Month Program. Each month we will profile one youth and one adult volunteer. In August, we celebrate the good work of Chris Rouse and Lance Moeller. Both are described by their co-workers and staff as extremely talented and dedicated workers.

Chris Rouse is our youth volunteer. His co-volunteers boast that he is " our token straight-man'. Chris is not just a mascot, he is truly committed to working to help create a safe and fun community for gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth. He is always cheerful and very caring. He is very attentive to our callers. His intelligence and sense of humor have added to our hotline staff. He was very dedicated to the former hotline and is a key player as we transition from a crisis line to a resource line.

Lance Moeller is the Lambda center Volunteer of the month. He was nominated by Marsha "Office Goddess" Swayze because he is "consistently and unfailingly" present at the Lambda Center, even when he isn't feeling well, "honestly one of the best volunteers she has ever worked with." Lance was also nominated by two of his fellow volunteers, Linda Austin and Jenna Foxworth. Both said that Lance was "an inspiration to all the other volunteers" because he cares so much. Lance is counted on to such a degree that if on a rare occasion he does stay home, sometimes "...we call him because he knows so much about center life."

GET INVOLVED
AND SUPPORT THE
COMMUNITY CENTER

BECOME A VOLUNTEER
TODAY !!!

COLORS

The Lambda Center is looking for volunteer facilitators for the men's and the women's "COLORS" support groups. The groups deal with the issues people of color face in the gay community. Those wising to volunteer for this must have strong leadership skills and be willing to make a six month commitment. If you are interested in facilitating or even being a part of this group please contact Judith Kavanaugh at the Lambda Center

HELP WANTED

The Lambda Community Center Volunteer family is growing rapidly. You too, can help realize our dream of unifying Sacramento's Lesbian and Gay Community.

We still have openings in following areas:

- **Newsletter Committee Chair**
- **Bingo Committee Chair**
- **Administrative Assistants**
- **Adult Chaperones for Youth Events.**
- **Phone Receptionists for our new Lambda Live Line.**
- **Outreach workers**
- **Resource Coordinators**
- **Computer Professionals**
- **Facilitator for coming out focus groups**
- **Public Relations/Media Liaison**
- **Archivist**
- **Artists, Musicians and Writers**
- **Skilled Workers**
- **Professionals**

If you have organizational skills and wish to be of service to the Lambda Community Centers Mission of building a stronger more unified gay and lesbian community please consider applying for our many open volunteer positions.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The youth volunteer of the month of September goes to Mary Maroon. Mary has been a volunteer at the Lambda Center for almost a year.

She is a bright, energetic and witty young woman who brings a lot of talent and energy to the Lambda team. Her current position is as a Peer Education Counselor. She will be teaching AIDS awareness classes with Jenna Foxworth, our other PEC volunteer.

Mary is currently seeking full time employment. Mary has excellent communication and clerical skills. With those skills we are assured that Mary will be employed full time soon.

SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Denny Kirtley is our adult volunteer of the month of September. He is committee chair of our Lavender Heights Start -Up Kit program.

Denny has solicited coupons and donations from various local establishments in order to provide new members of the Lambda Community family with a welcome wagon like packet.

Denny also answers phones and greets folk at the center as they come in. Denny has only been volunteering for about a month but he has become a fixture around the center.

For more information on the volunteer program, please contact Judith Kavanaugh at the Lambda Community Center, 919 20th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 or call (916)442-0185

We Need Your Help !!!! What Do You Think the Lambda Community Center Is ?

What would you like it to be ?

The Lambda Community Center provides essential human services by sponsoring and organizing activities and events that facilitate gay, lesbian, and bisexual community identity. The staff and volunteers of the Lambda Community Center want your input on the future direction of the Center. Please take a moment to answer the following questions.

- Do you see the Lambda Community Center as a grassroots organization ? ☐Y ☐N
- If No, Do you think the center should be more of a grassroots organization ? ☐Y ☐N

The Lambda Community Center would like to offer more programs both educational and social for the gay, lesbian and bisexual community. Do you think the Center should offer programs geared towards our community such as these:

Educational	Yes	No	If Yes, would you particpate ?
Investment Seminars	☐	☐	☐
Gay/Lesbian Parenting	☐	☐	☐
Living Trust Seminars	☐	☐	☐
Business Management	☐	☐	☐
Pet Care	☐	☐	☐
Gardening/arts & crafts/cooking	☐	☐	☐
Social Events/Programs			
Book Clubs	☐	☐	☐
Trips/Social Outings	☐	☐	☐
Wine Tasting	☐	☐	☐

Comments or other programs you would like to see offered at the Lambda Community Center ?

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Would you like to be on the mailing list to receive the Lambda Community Center newsletter ? This list is confidential and is not sold or rented to any other organization.

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Would you be interested in becoming a volunteer or serving on a committee ? Y N

Thanks for taking the time to fill out this survey!!!!!

LAVENDAR HEIGHTS WOMEN'S SALON and Project H.E.A.L.

The Lavendar Heights Women's Salon is where lesbians gather to talk about health and well being and to hear presentations from health professionals and educators in the community. Focusing on challenges that lesbians face in staying healthy, the salon features artists, performances and projects that tie into lesbian health and well being, presented in a living room-like setting with wine, tea and hors d'oeuvres being served.

At the June Salon, art by Susan Giles was featured with the main focus on Breast Cancer Early Detection. Frank Lawler, curator of FOCUS (Faces of Cancer Unveiling Shadows) generously presented a panel of the photography display be Pam Coffey to support breast cancer awareness.

In July, Gee Lougee of BCEDP spoke on the importance of early detection, prompting one visiting young man to ask if men could get breast cancer, to which the answer was an emphatic yes. Barbara Chance, RN, from the Health Education Council brought model breast sacs to teach how to properly examine breast tissue and to identify what abnormal lumps feel like. Demonstrations and a video on breast exams furthered an even greater understanding of the importance of self exam.

At the Lambda Freedom Fair in June you might have noticed the HEAL booth. Hundreds of referral magnets with a toll free number for breast exam information and self-examination shower hangers were given away. Safe sex dental dams and instructions were also handed out for a $1 donation.

HEAL currently provides pre-screening for mammograms and clinic exams for lesbians who qualify for the free services and continues to work in partnership with the Health Education Council and the BECDP. Lesbians are a high risk group for breast cancer and HEAL is committed to raising the level of awareness about breast health issues in our community.

The Lavendar Heights Women's Salon will sponsor an exciting Breast Health Awareness Campaign. With the support of individuals and local business, HEAL will host an art t-shirt contest called the Brazrire, to promote breast awareness and appreciation through art. Participants will create t-shirt designs that promote breast exams and health awareness. The contest location will be the party we've been waiting for with door prizes and more. The winning t-shirts will be displayed at the Lambda Community Center and will be used as gifts of recognition and appreciation. This activity is in need of volunteers who are passionate about this cause. Call the Lambda Center volunteer coordinator for more information.

If you are a health care practitioner who is interested in an opportunity to speak or present your art at a Salon, please call 441-1801. All proceeds from the HEAL salon are used to provide services and information to lesbians in the Sacramento and surrounding areas.

Be A Founder of the New Center!!
Purchase a brick on the Founders' Wall
$100 - $250 - $500

Get Your Name on the Wall Today !!

GAY BINGO

Coming to the LAMBDA Community Center
September 20th!!

Yes that's Right Gay Bingo at the Lambda Center. Starting Friday, September 20th at 6:00pm, Gay Bingo Night will take place every two weeks.

It promises to be an exciting and fun-filled evening for the community. Watch the local publications for more information or call the Lambda Center at 442-0185

Volunteers are also needed to run this event !!!

THE BOYS ARE BACK!!

In 1968, Mart Crowley's *The Boys in the Band* burst upon the Broadway stage bringing with it the first major production with all gay characters. And now the *Boys* are back. The Lambda Players are proud to bring them Sacramento, opening Friday September 27th at 8:00pm at the 24th Street Theater.

The Boys in the Band is set in pre-Stonewall New York where a group of gay males get together to celebrate the birthday of their friend Herald, a self-described "32 year old, ugly, pock marked, Jew fairy." But Herald is in fact the nucleus of the group with a wry devastating wit and an unyielding sense of truth. All goes smoothly until an old straight college chum descends upon the party and brings chaos and some very interesting party games.

Tom Bach stars in the Lambda Players' production in the part of Herald. Bach, a veteran of Lambda Players' productions, has performed the role of Arnold in Torch Song Trilogy and has appeared in Shakespeare in the Park and many other productions as well as directing the popular Psycho Beach Party.

The Lambda Players is a group of theater professionals and enthusiasts dedicated to bringing quality lesbian, gay and bisexual theater to Sacramento. Currently in their seventh season, the Lambda Players are the recipients of 5 Elly awards and have been nominated for three more this year.

A true community theater, the Lambda Players are open to all persons regardless of sexual orientation, gender, age, race, religion, or ethnicity, with most of their proceeds going to cover expenses and for future projects and 15% of proceeds donated to the Lambda Community Center.

The Boys in the Band opens Friday, September 27th at 8:00pm at the 24th Street Theater with performances scheduled for Saturday, September 28 at 8:00pm; Thursday, October 3; Friday, October 4; Saturday, October 5; concluding with a matinee on Sunday, October 6 at 2:00pm. The theater is located at 2791 24th Street at Castro, South of Broadway. Tickets are $10 and are available through The Open Book (498-1004), the Community Center Box Office (264-5181) and also at the door. For reservations or more information call 442-7752.

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Book Clubs	0	0	0
Trips/Social Outings	0	0	0
Wine Tasting	0	0	0

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Thanks for taking the time to fill out this survey!!!!!
Return it to our Booth at the Rainbow Festival or mail it to the Center

Would you like to be on our mailing list?

If you would like to receive the Lambda Community Center Newsletter and other information about programs and happenigns at the center, complete the information below and send it in to us. Our mailing list is confidential and is not sold or rented to any other organization.

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Would you be interested in becoming a volunteer or serving on a committee ? *Y* *N*

Return this form to:

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Sacramento, CA 95814